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E.O. 11652:XGDS-3

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SUBJECT: FORESTALLING ACQUISITION OF SOVIET DEEP SEA
SEARCH CAPABILITY

REF: TOKYO 12117

1. HYDRO PRODUCTS DEPTH MODIFICATION MENTIONED REFTTEL IS NOT REPEAT NOT VIABLE OPTION BECAUSE IT WOULD STILL PERMIT SOVIET ACQUISITION OF KEY TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED. WHEN NAVY WAS STUDYING A NUMBER OF OPTIONS, IT HAD ALERTED HYDRO PRODUCTS TO STAND BY FOR THIS POSSIBILITY. IT HAS SINCE REJECTED THIS PARTICULAR OPTION.

2. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND FROM DOD SOURCES THAT OCEAN SYSTEMS REFUSES TO RETRIEVE DSS-125 ON GROUNDS THAT SALE
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NOW CONSUMMATED AND BEYOND ITS CONTROL. ALSO, NEC REPORTEDLY DESIRES ASSURANCES ON SUBSTITUTE BEFORE IT RELEASES PHYSICAL CONTROL OF DSS-125.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY URGENTLY INFORM NEC AT HIGH LEVEL THAT CABLE LENGTH MODIFICATION ALONE WILL STILL PLACE TECHNOLOGY IN HANDS OF SOVIETS AGAINST MUTUAL INTERESTS OF UNITED

STATES AND JAPAN. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPLAIN TO NEC
THAT NAVY URGENTLY WORKING ON ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT WHICH

CAN BE USED TO PERFORM TASK FOR WHICH DSS-125 PURCHASED,
I.E., TELEPHONE CABLE PROJECT IN SEA OF OKHOTSK, BUT CAN-
NOT BE USED FOR DEEPER WATERS.

4. MOST PRESSING IMMEDIATE TASK IS PHYSICAL RETRIEVAL OF
DSS-125 FROM WAREHOUSE. NAVY REMAINS PREPARED TO PICK UP
DEVICE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND SENSITIVITY ABOUT TRANSFER
DIRECT TO USG OFFICIALS. REQUEST EMBASSY DEVELOP ALTER-
NATIVE MEANS, PERHAPS USING JAPANESE FIRM AS INTERMEDIARY.
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